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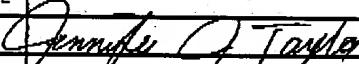
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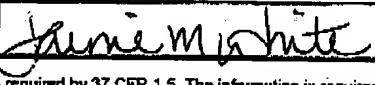
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 Inventor..... Gurtej S. Sandhu et al.
 Assignee..... Micron Technology, Inc.
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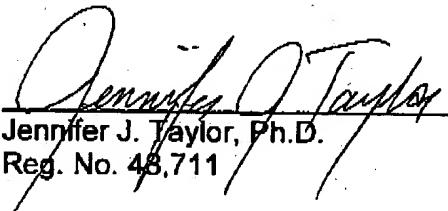
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01 prior application No. 09 / 837,645

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Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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